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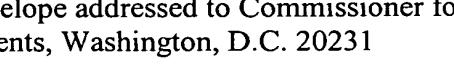
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, please enter the following amendments and note the following remarks. A marked up version of the amendments made to the specification are provided as an appendix hereto entitled "Marked-Up Version of Specification Showing Changes Being Made."

In The Drawing:

Please amend the drawing as shown in red on the Request For Approval Of Drawing
Changes submitted herewith.

In The Specification:

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 17, line 12 and ending on page 17, line 19
of the specification as originally filed and replace it with the following paragraph:

-- The master LAS devices, for example, the I/O devices 28, 30 are preferably configured to automatically store a copy of the most current link active schedules in one or more of the backup LAS devices, such as devices 32, 38, and 42 of Fig. 1. This storage may